



St. Columbanus Parish

122 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Rectory M-F 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, (914) 737-4705
Website: St.ColumbanusParish.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Francis J. Samoylo, Pastor
March 16, 2025



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up to a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white...from the cloud came a voice, “*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*”

-Mark 9:2-10

FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY ~ March 16

5:00 p.m. Vigil
 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 12:00 noon For Our Parish & Parishioners

MONDAY ~ March 17

St. Patrick Bishop

9:00 a.m. Joe Coppa

TUESDAY ~ March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY ~ March 19

ST. JOSEPH,

SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. Janine A. Pablo (living)

THURSDAY ~ March 20

9:00 a.m. Colton McPartland (living)

FRIDAY ~ March 21

Abstinence

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Purdy (1st anniversary)

SATURDAY ~ March 22

8:30 a.m. Deacon John Coppola

5:00 p.m.

(note: Masses with no assigned names are held for unannounced Mass intentions)

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.
 (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18) -Year C

Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
 (Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14) -Year C

2nd Reading: Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.
 (Phillippians 3:17—4:1) -Year C

Verse before the Gospel: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel: While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.
 (Luke 9:28b-36) -Year C

PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request.
 Contact the rectory to add someone.*

Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, Lynn Campanini,
 Stephanie Carlone, Louise Darbonne,
 Annamaria DeScisciolo, Thelma Doebbler, Justin Fedele,
 Robert Gillick, Walter Glosque, Matthew Hempel,
 Alex Hetsko, Colleen Keeler, Vincent Kehays,
 Maureen Kemple, Kevin Kolosky, Ann Marie MacEntee,
 Vincent McKenna, Leah Meenaghan, Robert Mazzarici,
 Angel Luis Ortiz, Donna Paolucci, Peggy Pugliese,
 Charles D. Potter, Fr. Frank Samoylo, Pete Samoylo,
 John Simunek, Theresa "Terry" Simunek,
 Alice Stetzner-Scanlon, Matthew Tosolini, Jacob Valis

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book."
 -St. John Bosco

WINE and HOST / TABERNACLE CANDLE MEMORIAL

A donation of \$25 for the hosts and wine offered at Mass or a like donation for the Tabernacle Candle may be given as a memorial to a loved one. Please call or stop by the rectory if you would like to honor your loved ones in this holy manner.



"Pray, hope and don't worry.
 Anxiety doesn't help at all.
 Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."
 -St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

~PASTOR'S NOTES~

March 16, 2025



This week we celebrate two great saints with solemnity, St. Patrick on Monday, and St. Joseph on Wednesday. Since our archdiocese is dedicated to St. Patrick we get to celebrate his feast day as a solemnity despite the fact that we are in the season of Lent. St. Joseph is normally a solemnity.

So for two days this week we get to put aside our Lenten penitential practices to honor these great saints.

St. Patrick was born around 389 of Romano-British origin, perhaps in Wales to Calpornius and Conchessa. When 16 years old he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland where he served a heathen master as herdsman. Having escaped Patrick prepared himself in the schools of Tours and Lerins in order to go back to convert Ireland to the one true faith.

Pope Celestine I commissioned him and after conse-

cration as a bishop in 442, he began his great apostolic work of converting the pagan nation to Christ, and making it an island famous for its learning and piety. He founded the metropolitan see of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461.

St. Patrick is known for his *Confessio* in which he wrote, "The love of God and His fear grew in me more and more as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." He also is famous for his *Lorica* (breastplate), a work praising God. Here is a part we sang in at the Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day when in the seminary:

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

St. Joseph (March 19) was the pure, chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ and was descended from the royal house of David. He is called a "just man" in the scriptures, who was the lowly village carpenter of Nazareth, who among all men of the world to be chosen by God to be the husband and protector of the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ, God made man. To Joseph was entrusted the

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faithful loving care of the childhood and youth of the Redeemer of the world.

A prayer by the statue of St. Joseph on the second floor of the seminary named after him is a prayer that I recited every day:

O Glorious St. Joseph! Model of those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiration of my many sins: to work conscientiously, putting the call to duty above my inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph, such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

Pray the Rosary daily; Defend Life!
In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Fr. Frank Samoylo

The MISSION Church of St. Columbanus Parish:
North American Matyrs

55 Oscawana Lake Road,
Putnam Valley, NY
Mass Time:
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



REMINDERS

Parishioner: You should register to be a parishioner under your own name at 18 years of age, whether or not you live with your parents/guardians.

Sponsors: You must be a registered parishioner, under your own name for at least 6 months in order to request a sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation. The only exceptions are 14-17 year olds, who should be registered under their parents.

Marriage: You must begin the preparation process at least 6 months prior to your wedding date; and be a registered parishioner.

Baptism: Parents must be registered parishioners. There is a mandatory baptism class. God-parents need sponsor eligibility forms.

Call the rectory to initiate all requests.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday ~ Religious Ed 10:15-11:45 a.m. and 12pm Mass
~ Rosary Altar Society 1:00 p.m. (library)

Monday ~ Religious Ed 8th Grade 4:30-6:00 p.m.
~ Religious Ed 6/7th Grade 6:30-8:00 p.m.
~ Adoration 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday ~ Bible Study 5:45 p.m. (library)
~ RCIA 7:00 p.m. (library)

Thursday ~ Legion of Mary 6:30 p.m. (library)

Friday ~ No Holy Hour
~ Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Saturday ~ Knights of Columbus 10:00 a.m.
~ Taconic Opera 2:00 p.m.
~ Confession 4:00—4:45 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Weekdays: No obligation to fast, but voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Friday's: All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Ash Wed. & Good Fri. Those between 18 and 59 years old are to fast, only have one full meal (two smaller meals are permitted, but together those two meals cannot equal a full meal). Those 14 years and older must abstain from meat. On Good Fri. the fast should continue until The Easter Vigil.

Easter Duty: Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year, and this should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year (but this is not limited to the Lenten/ Easter Season).

Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will hold the following services:

St. Columbanus

(beginning on March 7th)

Fridays ~ 6:00 p.m. **Holy Hour**

(No Holy Hour on 3/21)

Fridays ~ 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

(Stations on 3/21 will be at 6:30 p.m.)

North American Martyrs Mission Church

(Station will begin on March 19th)

Wednesday's ~ 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in preparing for Easter.

TACONIC OPERA

Two rare Oratorios:

Requiem by Camille Saint-Saens

Stabat Mater by Francis Poulenc

Taconic Opera presents two of the most beautiful oratorios ever written but rarely performed. First, the opera chorus, soloists, and orchestra of the Taconic Opera will perform the Requiem of Saint-Saens. Listeners familiar with his Christmas Oratorio will be excited to hear this beautiful work. In the same program, the company will present Poulenc's gorgeous Stabat Mater. While Poulenc's Gloria is more famous, the Stabat Mater, with sumptuous soprano solos, is perhaps the greatest choral work written by this composer. Together, these two liturgical oratorios should create an unforgettable afternoon. **TWO PERFORMANCES!**

St. Columbanus Catholic Church

122 Oregon Rd

Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday March 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Advanced Ticket Prices: \$35 with additional discounts for seniors and \$15 student tickets (tickets are more at the door). Go to: <https://TaconicOpera.org> to purchase tickets.

Performances are about 90 minutes.

POST MASS GATHERING

On March 30th, St. Columbanus Parish will host light refreshments in Dillon Hall following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. Those attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Martyrs Mission are welcome to stop by Dillon Hall following that Mass as well. Please come join us for fellowship and get to know your fellow parishioners.

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MARRIAGE BANS III

Kaitlin Moreno
and
Ryan Fitzgerald

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jan Peek Homeless Shelter needs your help. We are looking for volunteers to help us on the first Saturday of each month, Volunteers prepare meals for 20 people and then deliver them to the shelter on Water Street in Peekskill at 5:00 p.m. The Shelter truly needs help in feeding the homeless. Please consider donating your time to this much needed cause.

Those interested in volunteering can contact parishioner Linda Murphy at:

ismurphy813@gmail.com
845 641 2461

FOOD COLLECTION TODAY

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected after Mass. Please place your items in the bins located in the front or back of the Church. **Canned goods are preferred.** Please check the expiration dates as the Food Pantry cannot give out expired food. Expired food becomes an extra job for the volunteers to dispose of. Thank you for your generosity to this much needed cause.

2025 St. Columbanus' Appeal Status (3/11/2025)

Goal	\$56,500
Pledged	\$19,605
# of Donors	49
Percent to Goal	35%
Average Gift	\$400

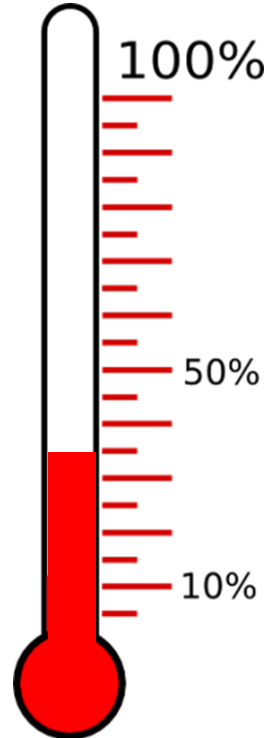
As of today, our Parish has raised \$19,605 in pledges towards our goal of \$56,500.

Thank you to the 49 families who have contributed.

We have \$39,895 to go!

Join your fellow parishioners in supporting the Cardinal's Appeal today via:
www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate

You can use the QR code below to make your donation. Hover over the code with your cell phone's camera; click the link. Remember to select the radio button for 'direct my gift to my parish' and select St. Columbanus. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available at the front and back of the church. Please consider making a flower offering In Memory of a Loved One. These envelopes will be on the altar for all Easter Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

We will have a second collection for
Our Parish

Please be as generous as your means allow.



The **Legion of Mary** at St. Columbanus Church would like to encourage parishioners to promote praying the Rosary in their families by inviting Our Lady of Fatima's statue to their homes for a week.

This devotion has been well received among our parishioners resulting in Peace in the homes and prayer intentions answered. Please take advantage of this great opportunity by contacting Hugh Clerkin at (845) 518-8184.





Parish Giving is our preferred avenue to support the Parish (St Columbanus Church and the North American Martyrs Mission) through electronic tithing. It is safe and easy and reduces our expenses related to the older envelope system. You can choose to set up weekly or monthly contributions and there is no cost to you. You always have access to your account summary all year long, and preparation for tax season is easy. Scan the QR code below or go to StColumbanusParish.org and click on the Parish Giving logo on the right hand side of the screen. Thank You.



Parishionership

Are you new to our Parish? Have you been attending Mass and forgot or haven't gotten around to registering?

Are you a young adult who never registered under your own name after graduating H.S.?

Please stop by the rectory or follow the link on our website www.StColumbanusParish.org to register. It is important to belong to a Parish and a requirement for such things as becoming a godparent or confirmandi sponsor, getting married, baptizing your child and obtaining a letter of freedom to receive sacraments (i.e. marriage) elsewhere.

Pray for children
hidden from sight,
but not from God.



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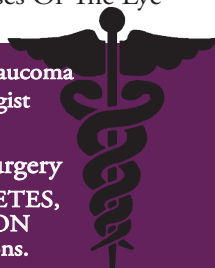
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